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SUBJECT: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICA

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1. EXTAFF HAS ALSO BEEN SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER CANADA IS OR IS NOT INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARIS MEETING ON AFRICA. AFTER CONTACT WITH CANADIAN EMBASSY PARIS, EXTAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT SPOKESMAN FOR QUAI ERRONEOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT CANADA WAS BEING INVITED; HOWEVER, SPOKESMAN WILL NOW ISSUE A CORRECTION TO INDICATE THAT CANADA IS NOT BEING INVITED.

2. AS FOR GOC PREFERENCE IN THE MATTER, EXTAFF OFFICERS TELL US THAT GOC IS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEKING AN INVITATION. IN EXTAFF VIEW, IF MEETING IS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR GOC TO BE REPRESENTED. HOWEVER, IF FOCUS WERE MORE ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF ZAIRE, CANADA

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SHOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED GIVEN "SIGNIFICANT" AID PROGRAM IT HAS THERE.

3. AS NOTED REFTTEL, EXTAFF WILL BE TALKING WITH QUAI ABOUT AFRICA JUNE 5-7, AND OF COURSE PLANS TO ATTEND BRUSSELS MEETING ON ZAIRE JUNE 13-14. ENDERS

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